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On *Friday*, *July* 6th, 1753.

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And Archdeacon of *Northumberland*.

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SUFFER, My LORD, a ſhort Interruption, while Your Chapter beg Leave to pay their firſt Duties to Your Lordſhip, and to offer their Service in conducting You to Your Throne.

As it was a great Honour to me to *repreſent* Your Lordſhip to the Dean and Chapter at Your *Inſtalment*, ſo it is now my Duty by my Office to addreſs Your Lordſhip, as the Dean and Chapters *Repreſentative* on this moſt acceptable Occaſion.

For tho' there needs no other Atteſtation to Your Lordſhip's moſt welcome Reception amongſt us, than that of the Public Joy, which is expreſſed in ſo general a Concourſe to Your firſt Appearance in Perſon with us; Yet I am charged in particular, My Lord, with the Congratulations of our *Capitular Body* upon Your ſafe Arrival in Your *Dioceſe*, And with the Tender of our *Canonical Obedience* and Reſpects, and with the public Repetition of our Wiſhes, that Your Lordſhip may long poſſeſs, and may long be happy in poſſeſſing this eminent Station to which Providence hath called You.

IT has been, and it is our Boaſt that this Ancient *See* with this *Palatinate* annexed, illuſtrious for ſeveral Ages in this Kingdom for extraordinary *Dignity and Powers* hath not been hitherto deſtitute *of Prelates* correſponding thereto; but has been filled, and properly ſupported in theſe Preeminences, (ſo far at leaſt as the Remembrance of any of *our Body* reacheth) by Men illuſtrious in themſelves, Great in their Abilities and Repute, if not Great alſo by their Birth and Extraction: Whoſe Vertue's, Learning, and other Accompliſhments have given from time to time an additional Luſtre to our *Epiſcopal Chair*.

So ſingular a Regard have our PRINCES had for this Church and Country in ſelecting Perſons of the moſt diſtinguiſhed Characters to ſuſtain an Office of diſtinguiſhed Prerogatives, as well as Amplitude of Juriſdiction.

AND

AND in our Recitals of these Royal Favours we must in an especial manner acknowledge HIS present MAJESTY's *Discernment*, as well as Goodness to us, in all HIS *Designations* to this *See*: Whereby the Series in the Roll of this Succession hath still preserved its wonted Splendor, is still continued uniformly Great and Venerable: Whereby we are enabled not only to commemorate past Blessings under two of HIS Gracious Appointments, but also to anticipate our future Felicity from the auspicious Commencement of *a Government of this Church and Diocese*, which, as we gather from the rising Prospect of it, will be perfectly accommodated and adequate to our Desires. And we indulge our Hopes, to a degree scarce distinguishable from Assurance, that we shall soon recognize all the Marks of Worth and all the shining Qualities, which have been the usual Titles to this Throne, united in *One Personage*.

YOUR

YOUR Lordſhip will make good *theſe Preſages* with more Eaſe perhaps than You hear them.

BUT *the Event* ſhall juſtify the *Prediction.*

FOR we perſwade our ſelves Your Lordſhip will abundantly fulfil the univerſal Expectations that have been conceived from Your Promotion to this Dignity both within the County *Palatine*, and throughout Your whole Juriſdiction.

WE of Your Chapter in Particular have promiſed to ourſelves a peculiar Happineſs from Your Preſence with us at Your *Cathedral*, and in our free Acceſs to You, as the Exigence of Caſes may require, for Advice or Protection.

HAD *the Honourable Perſon* in whoſe

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place I ſtand been here Himſelf to have beſtowed His Eloquence on this Occaſion, and to have cloathed our Addreſs in the Ornaments of His Language, more juſtice had been done to His own, and the Chapters Sentiments, or at leaſt our Compliment had been more happily diſcharged.

OUR WISHES nevertheleſs of Proſperity to Your Lordſhip in all Your Undertakings are the ſame; and attend You with equal Ardor, tho' they may not be expreſſed with ſo good a Grace: They extend, in the narroweſt Deſcription of them, to every thing You can deſire Your Self, and are limited by nothing but the Will of Heaven.

AND may Your Lordſhip's *Memorial* in After-Ages be laſting and precious as *thoſe* of Your Predeceſſours here, or as *that* of Your Noble Father, whoſe Memory will be for ever honoured in the Higheſt Courts of Law in the Realm.

MAY

MAY You perpetuate *the Family-Name* in this Northern Climate, as it is already perpetuated by *the Family-Deſerts* in the *Capital* of the Kingdom.

MAY Your Lordſhip be *the Praiſe* of this Country as well as *a Bleſſing* to it, by wiſely and ſteadily exerting Your Power in both its branches *Eccleſiaſtical* and *Secular*; by a wholeſome Adminiſtration of Diſcipline in Your *Paſtoral* and *Viſitatorial* Capacity; by a noble and diſintereſted Uſe of Your *Temporal* Privileges; and by a Diſpenſation of Your *Revenues* unexceptionably laudable.

His LORDSHIP's Anſwer.

MY *Sincereſt Acknowledgments are due to You,* Mr. Subdean *and* Gentlemen, *for Your obliging Congratulations upon my Arrival in the Biſhoprick of* Durham.

THE Satisfaction You are pleased to express in the great Honour His Majesty has conferr'd on me by raising me to this high Dignity, gives me a most Sensible Pleasure; *as it flatters me with the* Surest Earnest *of Success in my endeavours to fulfill in some Measure His Majesty's Views in conferring it: Since upon You I must rely (and upon Your Professions of Regard and Attachment I am willing to rely) for the necessary Assistance to enable Me not to disappoint them.*

WHEN I reflect how invariably every Step of His Majesty's Reign has been directed by the wisest and tendereſt Concern for the Welfare and Happiness of all his People, very ill wou'd it become Me, however conscious of my own demerits, shou'd I attempt through an unseasonable Modesty to derogate from His Royal and Paternal care on occasion of my advancement to preside over

You

You in this illuſtrious See. —— *but when I conſider Myſelf, and how little elſe I bring, than the Sincerity of my Wiſhes and Intentions, to anſwer the various and important Duties of it;* —— *When I conſider too Yourſelves and the diſadvantages I am under from Your great knowledge and diſcernment; from your recollection of the learned and conſpicuous Characters which have gone before Me in it; and eſpecially from Your late high-raiſed expectation, and ſevere diſappointment in the tranſient taſte You enjoy'd of the eminent Virtues and Talents of my much* HONOUR'D PREDECESSOR, *I own, I feel my apprehenſions very greatly alarm'd; and at the ſame time my dependance on Your candour and counſel to diſpell them, as greatly increaſed.*——*To* THESE *I ſhall hope to reſort under every difficulty.* — *And to* THESE *I ſhall preſume I may always with confidence and freedom reſort, ſo long as You ſhall experience in Me (and longer I may not require it) no other* BIAS, *than*

than the warmeſt Zeal for our moſt holy RELIGION *and excellent* CONSTITUTION; *and a* HEART *ſtrongly diſpos'd and determin'd, by the divine* GRACE, *to employ the many and peculiar Advantages of this diſtinguiſh'd* STATION, *in ſupport of thoſe neceſſary ends, (which, I doubt not, are no leſs Your own) and in promoting, to the beſt of My ability, the true intereſts, Religious as well as Civil, of this* Country *and* Dioceſe.

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